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DOLGELLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1953




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ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT 1953

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Rees and Gentlemen.

The following is the Health Report for the year ended 31st December 1953.

There was an increase of 11 in the Registrar General's estimate of population, a reversal of the trends of the previous two years.

The number of live births was 48, 19 more than the previous year and the number of deaths, 33, was 5 more.

There were three deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age.

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred (two in 1952) and 4 deaths from cancer as opposed to 6 in the previous year.

No new cases of infectious disease (other than tuberculosis) were notified.

Two cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and none of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified (3 and 2 respectively in 1952)

An exhibition on Pest Control was held in the Neuadd Idris.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

EVAN RICHARDS,

District Medical Officer of
Health.

Dolgellley Urban District Council.

SECTION A.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Urban District in Acres	- 1,127
Rateable Value	£11,834
Population (Registrar General's figures)	2,519
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£43.12.3
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	720

COMPARABILITY FACTORS:

Births	-1.16
Deaths	-0.96

VITAL STATISTICS

Nett Births (Live and Still	- 49
Births (Live)	- 48
Births (Still)	- 1

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION -19.06

LIVE BIRTHS:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	24	24
Legitimate	20	24
Illegitimate	4	-

Illegitimate Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births)
- 8.33

DEATHS:

Total Number	33
Males	Females
18	15
Rate per 1,000 population	13.10
1952 figures	11.16

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR:

Total	4	
	Males	Females
Total	3	1
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	2	-

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births) 83.34
1952 figures Nil
Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality per 1,000 Live Births) 45.45
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality per 1,000 LiveBirths) 500.00

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of Urban District in Acres
 Rateable Value
 Population (estimated General's figures)
 The population by a Census date
 Number of inhabited houses (according to
 the last Census) at end of year

1,127
 211,824
 2,819
 242,123
 120

TRAFFIC FACTORS

Trucks
 Buses

1.12
 0.28

VITAL STATISTICS

Male Deaths (14 and 15)
 Female Deaths
 Deaths (Total)

40
 48
 1

Live Births per 1,000 Population

19.08

Live Births

Total
 Males
 Females

24
 24
 24

Percentage of Total Live Births
 - 8.33

Deaths

Total Deaths
 Male Deaths
 Female Deaths
 Deaths per 1,000 population
 1911 Deaths

38
 18
 12.10
 11.18

Deaths of Infants under One Year

Total
 Males
 Females
 Deaths
 Deaths
 Deaths

1
 1
 1
 1
 1

Deaths of Infants under One Year per 1,000 Live Births
 Deaths of Infants under One Year per 1,000
 Deaths of Infants under One Year per 1,000
 Deaths of Infants under One Year per 1,000
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83.33
 121
 83.33
 83.33
 83.33

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS:

	Males	Females
Total	3	-
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	2	-

MATERNAL MORTALITY:

Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy NIL.

DEATHS FROM CANCER:

Total	4
Rate per 1,000 population	1.59

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS:

Total	NIL
Rate per 1,000 population	NIL

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Sanitary Inspector-holding appointment of
Sanitary Inspector-Surveyor.

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES:

Water and Milk samples. Tests carried out at Public
Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.
Chemical analysis of water carried out by the
Public Analyst, Chester.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

County Council Ambulance Depot situated in Dolgelley
3 Ambulances.

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS:

Held twice monthly at the Wesleyan Chapel Vestry.

(5) ANCE NATAL CLINICS:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC:

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC :

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:

Carried out by the County Medical Department.
Babies and young children immunised at Infants'
School.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 YEARS:		
Total	3	Females
Legitimate	1	-
Illegitimate	2	-

CAUSES OF MORTALITY:

Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy - Nil.

Deaths from Cancer:

Total	4
Rate per 1,000 population	1.52

Deaths from Tuberculosis:

Total	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	Nil

PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Sanitary Inspector holding appointment of
Sanitary Inspector-Surveyor.

LABORATORY FACILITIES:

Water and Milk samples. Tests carried out at Public Health Laboratory, Abergavenny.
Chemical analysis of water carried out by the Public Analyst, Gwent.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

Gwent County Council Ambulance Depot situated in Porthkerry
2 Ambulances.

MENTAL DEFECTS CLINIC:

Held twice monthly at the Wesleyan Chapel, Vesty.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT CLINIC:

Held twice monthly at the Porthkerry Cottage Hospital.

DERMATOLOGICAL CLINIC:

Held twice monthly at the Porthkerry Cottage Hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC:

Held twice monthly at the Porthkerry Cottage Hospital.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION:

Carried out by the Gwent Medical Department.
Babies and young children immunized at Infant School.

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(9) HOSPITALS.

One fully equipped Cottage Hospital.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year	NIL
Scarlet Fever	NIL
Bacillary Dysentery	NIL
Whooping Cough	NIL
Measles	NIL
Infantile Paralysis	NIL

NEW CASES

TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary	Total	2.	
	Males	2	Females Nil
Non-Pulmonary:	Total	Nil	
	Males	-	Females Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS:

Pulmonary.	Total	Nil	
	Males	-	Females Nil
Non-Pulmonary	Total	Nil	
	Males	Nil	Females Nil

(a) HOSPITALS.

and fully equipped Cottage Hospital.

(b) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Smallpox	Nil
Scarlet fever	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil
Whooping cough	Nil
Measles	Nil
Infantile Paratyphoid	Nil
Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year	

TUBERCULOSIS

Primary		Total	5.
		Males	2
		Females	Nil
Non-Primary		Total	Nil
		Males	-
		Females	Nil
Tuberculosis Deaths			
Primary		Total	Nil
		Males	-
		Females	Nil
Non-Primary		Total	Nil
		Males	Nil
		Females	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1953 in age groups

		New Cases		Deaths	
Age Periods		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
		M.	F.	M.	F.
Infants	0				
	1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				
	8				
	9				
Children	10				
	15				
	20				
	25	2	-	-	-
	35				
	45				
	55				
	65				
Adults	75				
	Total	2	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH 1953							M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary							-	-
Actute Poliomyelitis.							-	-
Cancer Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
" Lung							-	-
" Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
" Other sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system				...	...	...	4	5
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Other heart diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Influenza				...	...	...	2	-
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system							-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases				...	...	...	4	1
Motor vehicle accidents							-	-
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	-	-
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	-
TOTAL							18	15

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action taken under Section 47 of this Act.

Date		Description		Amount	
1900	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
1900	Jan 15	Received from A. B.		50.00	
1900	Feb 1	Received from C. D.		25.00	
1900	Mar 1	Received from E. F.		75.00	
1900	Apr 1	Received from G. H.		100.00	
1900	May 1	Received from I. J.		150.00	
1900	Jun 1	Received from K. L.		200.00	
1900	Jul 1	Received from M. N.		250.00	
1900	Aug 1	Received from O. P.		300.00	
1900	Sep 1	Received from Q. R.		350.00	
1900	Oct 1	Received from S. T.		400.00	
1900	Nov 1	Received from U. V.		450.00	
1900	Dec 1	Received from W. X.		500.00	
1900	Total			2500.00	

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GENERAL

HOUSING:

During the year 1953, ten Council Houses were completed and occupied by tenants who were previously living under unsatisfactory conditions.

Particulars of other action taken are given below:-

Defects or nuisances found	40 (premises)
Number abated	32
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal notices	6

Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

Statutory notices served	NIL
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Proceedings under Housing Act.

No of properties regarding which notices of Time and Place under Section 11, were served	5
Voluntary undertaking accepted	4
Dwelling rendered fit before reletting	1

Housing Management.

General maintenance work has been carried out on all Council Houses either by direct labour or by contract.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Twice weekly collections of household refuse on Wednesday and Saturday mornings were made throughout the year from most premises within the district. Some outlying properties only were visited once a week.

Tipping was continued at the site on Talylllyn Road, and attempts were made to control the tip as far as it was practicable.

The Bin Service is still functioning satisfactorily with a total of 191 bins issued under the scheme.

Street Cleansing.

The service included sweeping and gully cleansing on unclassified roads.

Public Conveniences.

The convenience at Cae Marian and near the County Hall have been maintained and cleansed daily. The Council still maintain the conveniences provided by the Trustees of the Marian Mawr.

Sewerage

The sewerage system of the town continues to function satisfactorily and regular flushing and cleansing has been carried out.

Meat and Food Inspection.Carcases, Part Carcases and Organs Condemned.

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Carcases including all organs	1	1	3	1	6
Part Hindquarters	1	-	-	-	1
Heads	1	1	-	-	2
Livers	8	-	2	-	10
Hock	-	-	-	1	1
Rib	-	1	-	-	1

Diseases.

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Cirrhosis	6	-	2	-	8
Fevered	1	-	4	1	6
Emaciation	3	1	4	1	9
Abcesses	3	-	-	-	3
Cysts	1	-	-	-	1
Extensive Bruising	4	1	-	1	6
Oedemia	1	-	-	-	1
Joint Ill	-	1	-	-	1

Other foodstuffs surrendered as being unfit for human consumption including the following:-

38 tins Peas and Beans	58 tins Fruits
87 tins Fish	8 tins Stewed Steak
8 tins Ham	18 tins Soup
27 tins Luncheon Meat	3 tins Beetroot
50 tins Evaporated Milk	14 tins Tomatoes
5 jars Apricots	8 lbs Cooked Ham

Food thus surrendered was removed for destruction.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the town continues to be fairly satisfactorily in quality and quantity.

Sampling.

The results of sampling are shown below:-

No.	Date	Sample Taken at	B.Coli per 100 ml	Faecal Coli per cent
1	28.10.53	Llwyn View	0	0
2.	16.11.53	Llyn Cynwch	25	5
3.	16.11.53	Deer Park	900	25
4.	16.12.53	Tap Mill St.	2	0

Milk Supply.

Dealers licenced to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	1
Persons registered to carry on the trade of Milk Distributors	2

Ice Cream Premises.

No. of manufacturing retailers registered	3
No. of other retailers registered	1
No. of new applications (sale only)	1

Test and Feed Inspection.

Organisms, Part Organisms and Organisms Contained.

Organisms including all organs	Part Organisms	Organisms	Organisms	Organisms
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Inspection.

Inspection	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1

Other features are mentioned as being unfit for human consumption including the following:-

- 38 fine Bone and Bones
- 37 fine Fish
- 36 fine Meat
- 35 fine Lard
- 34 fine Lard
- 33 fine Lard
- 32 fine Lard
- 31 fine Lard
- 30 fine Lard
- 29 fine Lard
- 28 fine Lard
- 27 fine Lard
- 26 fine Lard
- 25 fine Lard
- 24 fine Lard
- 23 fine Lard
- 22 fine Lard
- 21 fine Lard
- 20 fine Lard
- 19 fine Lard
- 18 fine Lard
- 17 fine Lard
- 16 fine Lard
- 15 fine Lard
- 14 fine Lard
- 13 fine Lard
- 12 fine Lard
- 11 fine Lard
- 10 fine Lard
- 9 fine Lard
- 8 fine Lard
- 7 fine Lard
- 6 fine Lard
- 5 fine Lard
- 4 fine Lard
- 3 fine Lard
- 2 fine Lard
- 1 fine Lard

These are mentioned as being unfit for consumption.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the town is supplied by the following:-

The results of sampling are shown below:-

Date	Sample taken	Result	Result
18.12.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
16.11.33	Post Park	200	25
14.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
12.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
10.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
8.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
6.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
4.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
2.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0
1.11.33	Top Mill St.	2	0

Water Supply.

Persons registered to supply on the roads of Milk Distributors

The Green Treatment.

No. of manufacturing factories registered
No. of other factories registered
No. of new applications (also only)

Rodent Control.

Work of inspection and destruction was carried out when necessary.

No. of Premises inspected during the year	20
No. of Premises treated	12
Council Property	2
Business Property	1
Private Dwellings	9

Factories.

Fifty-two premises are registered within the Urban Area under the Factories Act.

No. inspected re Sanitary Conveniences	11
No. inspected re General Cleanliness	3
No. inspected re Means of Escape in case of Fire	1
Defects found	2
Remedied	2

Section 1000

7. 10. of inspection and destruction was carried out when

No. of Premises inspected during the year	No. of Premises treated	General Property	Business Property	Private Dwellings
20	12	2	1	9

Section 1000

11. Two premises are registered within the Urban Area under the Factories Act.

No. inspected as Sanitary Appliances	No. inspected as General Appliances	No. inspected as Means of Transport	Private Dwellings	Factories
11	4	1	2	2